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Congress of the United States

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June 18, 1981

The Honorable William J. Casey
Director
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Dear Mr. Casey:

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In my home district just outside the nation's capital and as Chairman of the Federal Government Service Task Force, I am well acquainted with other hard-working, dedicated and creative individuals who are highly productive and cost-conscious.

Outstanding nominations from your Agency can help tell their story to the American people in order to encourage leadership, initiative, efficiency, and over-all achievement in government service. Together, we can focus on the positive aspects of good government in order to counter the negative image of "bureaucracy" and to attract talented people into meaningful public service.

I look forward to hearing from you about future Excalibur Award candidates. Please send nominations as soon as possible for consideration for the 1981 presentations to my new office, 401 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C., 20515, Attn: Linda Katz. A fact sheet and other information is enclosed for your interest.

Sincerely,


Michael D. Barnes

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Expert Receives

"Excalibur Award"
A noncommissioned officer in the United States Air Force who has led rescue missions credited with saving 26 lives in the harsh Alaskan terrain, has received Rep. Michael D. Barnes' (D-Md.) "Excalibur Award."

This award, standing emblematic of the public service, is given annually to persons who have made significant contributions to the safety of survival and avalanche lessons to numerous state, government and civic groups.

Initiated last year by Barnes, the award is given each year to recognize some of the most outstanding achievements made by federal career civil and military employees, to increase public understanding.

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Congressman Michael D. Barnes
(D-Md.) U.S. House of Representatives

EXCALIBUR AWARD FOCUSSES ON EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNMENT

Because he believes that scant attention is paid to the good in government and to the many imaginative, industrious, innovative men and women in the federal work force, a U.S. Congressman has initiated a special award to emphasize excellence in public service.

Rep. Michael D. Barnes (Md.) presented his first Excalibur Award six months ago to a NASA aerospace engineer for inventing a simple device, called a "power factor controller," that can save a factory dollars and billions of gal-

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Future award ceremony,

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nations — among some 200 entries — include an

EPA consultant who detected harmful asbestos in city schools, a VA physician who developed new spinal surgery techniques that permit paralysed persons to walk again, an agricultural engineer who pioneered a grain-testing method that emits pollution, the discoverer of Pluto's only known moon, the Wichita Falls (Tex.) weather office that forewarned thousands of persons of an impending killer tornado and saved their lives,

THE SENTINEL MONTGOMERY COUNTY Thursday, April 30, 1981

EPA saves town \$53 million with Bethesda firm's help

he adds.

For more information on the Excalibur Award, including how to submit nominations, write to Rep. Barnes, 1607 Longworth Building, Washington, D.C. 20515, or contact your agency's personnel/incentive awards officer.

She established and coordinated a comprehensive "dialysis on vacation" program for patients who require dialysis while away from home.

Arrangements are made for dialysis in other medical centers. After treatment the patients can travel. The majority of the work is done at the Iowa City VA Hospital to save the patient from that time consuming process.

Two years ago, after exhaustive planning and coordination, Roy initiated a two-and-one-half day "mini-vacation" for dialysis patients who would be able to travel independently to various medical facilities. This has become an annual event.

The mini-vacation allows patients a change of atmosphere and allows them to enjoy entertainment and social activities in the community.

This year patients (and spouses) enjoyed Adventuraland's rides, shows and shops one day, and a re-



CARROL ROY

laxing cruise on the waters of Lake Okoboji the following day. Costs of the excursions are primarily underwritten by private donations. From the inception of the program, Roy

has coordinated all details — including donation of time by VA medical staff, transportation, preparation of special meals and arrangements for discount accommodations for the group.

"No other hospital in the country has this type of vacation," says Roy. "We've found the experience to be invaluable in boosting morale in the patients and staff and enhancing the rapport between them." The dialysis staff is involved with the activities just as the patients are.

Another project with which Roy has been involved is the Patient-Volunteer Program, a workshop for communication between dialysis patients and their dialysis partners. It is designed as a "bridge" attempting to orient kidney patients to continue living a productive life.

The mini-vacation and the volunteer project are associate with successful patients involve with community activities helps ease the feeling of uncertainty for a new dialysis patient and his family," Roy explains.

Roy has had three articles and two

booklets published on the subject of dialysis, those affected and those coping. She has been active in the Kidney Foundation of America, serving on its board of directors, as chairman of its patient services committee, and as a member of the foundation's Special Projects Committee.

Her expertise has been recognized by the American Society of Nephrology.

On Wednesday, July 2, 1980—Iowa City Press-Citizen—7A

The Excalibur Award is issued to outstanding civilian, military and federal government employees, with competition on a national basis. Criteria for the selection are recognition, innovation and efficient service to the public and personal integrity. The award also recognizes contributions and leadership in overcoming major organizational goals.

A story about Roy and the local project which appeared in the Press-Citizen last year was included in the material submitted to support Roy's nomination for the award.

Roy and her husband, Randy, live in Cedar Rapids and have two children. They have had to make many accommodations in checking out the routes and facilities in advance. Roy's sister, Karen Riley of Cedar Rapids, has been a participant in the mini-vacations.

Iowa City VA officials expressing pride in the honor accorded Roy are Michael P. Derby, acting director of the hospital; Dr. Donald L. Custer, chief medical director.

Says Derby, "Carroll's selection

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Cuts terms the award to be "both an honor for the VA health care system and a reflection of the dedication and innovation in its ranks."

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Randy and Karen accompanied Roy to Washington last week as did her mother, Evelyn Riley of Elma.

Representative Michael D. Barnes (D, Md.) presents his "Excalibur Award" for outstanding service by government employee to Kathleen Schaub of Baltimore.

Chicago-based environmental team honored bring Excalibur Award

By C. Fraser Smith

Washington Bureau of The Sun

Washington—Kathleen Schaub drove to Washington yesterday to get something she had wanted for a long time: an award.

She and her team, the Environmental Protection Agency specialists won an award honoring excellence in federal government service, Rep. Michael D. Barnes (D-Md.) announced Friday.

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A seven-member team of Chicago-based U.S. Environmental Protection Agency specialists won an award honoring excellence in federal government service, Rep. Michael D. Barnes (D-Md.) announced Friday.

Barnes, who heads a congressional task force on federal government service, said that during a ceremony in Washington next week the team will be honored for its innovative approaches used to develop sewage-treatment facilities."

THE EPA TEAM members are Gregory Vanderhaar, Elmhurst; Catherine Garra, Evanston; Cynthia Wakat, Chicago; Theodore Rockwell Jr., LaGrange; Kathleen Schaub, Baltimore; Afric Krause, Lake in the Hills, Ill.; and Gail Wren, Harvey.

Barnes said their work "could save taxpayers millions of dollars and provide greater

preservation of water quality, wildlife and other natural areas in rural regions nationwide."

Barnes said the team, working at seven rural sites in the Great Lakes region, was able to match the area's unique environmental needs by using inexpensive on-site wastewater treatment methods instead of the conventional and more expensive centralized sewer systems.

"IT IS ESTIMATED that these improvements will cost \$27.5 million rather than the intended \$100 million for sewers and plants for \$78.5 million," Barnes said.

"At a time when we are faced with severe reductions in the federal workforce and deep cuts in federal spending, it is important to note that this team of government workers can assist us in finding ways to reduce public spending."

CHICAGO SUN-TIMES, April 11, 1981



Engineer Receives 'Excalibur Award'

The first "Excalibur Award" for outstanding achievement has been given to Frank J. Nola, an expert in National Aeronautics and Space Administration's space station program. Rep. Michael D. Barnes, D-N.J., and George C. Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, Ala., invented an energy-saving device for electric motors. The device, patented by NASA, can reduce power consumption by up to 60 percent for typewriters, washers, refrigerators, fans, and industrial sewing machines. Applauding is Rep. Ronnie G. Flippo, D-Ala.

sure that the alternatives of repairing existing systems and using water conservation techniques would do the job.

"But gradually, phenomenal cost savings, as well as the sensitivity to preserving the delicate ecosystems, began to win public acceptance," he said.

He added, "The momentum for the construction project was supplied by consultants working with the local people, Ms. Schaub said. At first they were unwilling to accept the idea, but then learned from a stone by the future King Arthur of the Round Table."

Mr. Barnes apparently chose this name for his award to federal employees because extracting praise and recognition for a federal employee—a bureaucrat—is considered beneath the aforementioned title.

It is also the name of the award seeks to recognize the efforts of those who labor in the federal service to do the public a heroic or heroic-like service above-average efficiency and skill. In this way, Mr. Barnes hopes to recognize the work of all government employees.

Mr. Barnes' distinguished student who is a teaching assistant and Ph.D. candidate in the University of Maryland's Department of Geography, said she is "so pleased."

With a team of former colleagues at the Environmental Protection Agency offices in Chicago, she helped to find a way to slash costs of treatments of the 1977 Clean Water Act—without great expenditures of public funds.

What the team did with the help of a consulting engineer prove that organic and filtering fields could assure clean water in Steuben Lakes in northwestern Michigan. It had been thought originally that the project would cost \$78.5 million.

But with the team's "out-of-management" proposal, the cost of protecting the lakes was reduced to \$27.5 million. A public comment several years ago was found to be unnecessary, resulting in savings of \$51 million.

Moreover, according to Ms. Schaub, the approach can be used in lake country throughout the United States, including Maryland. Savings could easily run in the billions, she said.

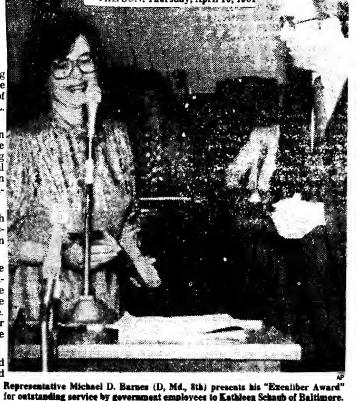
Ms. Schaub says her team was involved more than the idea. It required careful education of the area residents and, to some extent, forceful handling of local officials, who were dead set against the idea.

Mr. Barnes said in a statement that about 175,000 federal employees made formal suggestions last year for improving the performance of federal agencies.

"Public employees are above politics," he said. "They wanted to keep the award open to all federal employees, not just those receiving it but who truly believe that they are not only civil but servants of the American public."

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